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ABSTRACT

A 1980 federal law made adopting and raising special needs children affordable even for persons with limited means. However, many prospective adopters never complete the adoption process because of red tape, regulations, and institutional lethargy; among the adults who complete a home study or placement, lack of support services and advocacy training sometimes lead to heartbreak and adoption failure. Intended for parents and adoption professionals, this book bridges the gap between the desire to help a waiting child and reality of America's special needs adoption system. The book provides information on starting the adoption process and locating whatever additional information and support are needed. Chapters in the book are: (1) "Special Needs Adoption in the United States"; (2) "Choosing the Type of Child You Will Adopt"; (3) "Finding a Child"; (4) "Preparing for Parenthood"; (5) "Early Placement: What Parents Experience"; (6) "Early Placement: What Children Experience"; (7) "Living with Special Needs"; (8) "Finances"; (9) "Working with Educators and Schools"; (10) Transracial Adoption"; (11) "International Special Needs Adoption"; (12) "When Things Go Wrong"; and (13) "Special Needs, Special Situations." (A list of resource organizations and print materials is appended. Contains 44 references.) (HTH)

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